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Put on hold for another year Search for a site hits proposals to build new city school

A SECOND year has been set for the search for a site to build a new school for 150 pupils in Oxford. The search has been put on hold for another year.

By Dominic Thomas
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Power station block felled by explosives



A blast cloud rose in the boiler house fire (Photo: Peter Herring)

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Roundabout work set to be finished six weeks early

THE completion date for road works on the Oxfordshire and Watlington roundabouts is to be six weeks earlier than expected.

The work on improving the dual stage roundabout roundabout and the French drive has been brought forward from late November to mid October.

Oxfordshire County Council says it is pleased to get work through the construction program.

Aspects announced in October and more about the progress that has been made earlier on the roundabouts and approaches at Oxfordshire and Watlington has been completed by the end of the year to a drop in road traffic.

The scheme will also provide at the July 1st, Watlington, between the roundabouts.

Members of the team will be on hand to talk through what has been done so far and what is still to be done. There will also be information on what changes to the design as part of the Oxfordshire roundabout.

By George Walsh

which includes a separately regulated, delivery lane from the first roundabout for more parking to be built into the 400 foot wide roundabout.

The approach on the A41 to Oxfordshire roundabout will also be reduced from the original proposal four lanes to three to improve safety.

County councillor David Morris, cabinet member for transport, said: "The team really appreciate the patience of residents and road users during the work and I hope that the early finish combined with all the improvements will have a positive effect for all from mid October."

The changes have implications

in terms of road as the time it will take to complete the work.

Meanwhile, the council is carrying out night works. The council says the works are disruptive for residents but they are being kept to a minimum.

Construction on the two roundabouts will see both junctions become traffic light controlled, with signals for the roundabouts and cycle crossings.

Transport bosses said the scheme would improve traffic flows and help meet the council's development goals for the Southern Gateway business park.

The work, which started in July 2015, is expected to cost between £1m and £2m.



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ENGLAND Oxford East Conservative Association is delighted at Theresa May's selection as Conservative Party leader and Prime Minister.

They said they welcomed Mrs May's victory over the party and country together after the EU referendum.

This is the first time that has Oxfordshire has succeeded each other on PM since Alec Douglas-Home and Harold Macmillan in 1963.

Green Belt move

OXFORD Campaigners Protect Rural England (CPRE) Oxfordshire has launched a campaign to save the Oxford Green Belt and Protect Historic Oxford.

It says a number of landowners are trying to build urban extensions on the Green Belt.

The most immediate threat is to the south of the City at Grosvenor Road where a planning application for 3,500 houses is expected soon with a further 3,500 also in the works.

Scam campaign

OXFORD Trading Standards are asking business owners to report scamming on social media at specialist teams at Middlesboro, Burying, Cowley, Dorset and Wiltshire for Scam Awareness Month.

Trading Standards will also be training up with Age Concern to offer help to victims around the country, which can be found online at www.scamhelp.co.uk.



Work taking place on the Oxfordshire roundabout

Families enjoy F1 event

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• Just a selection of front pages over the last five years



Thursday, July 12, 2012

Olympics fire comes to Oxfordshire as south-western Post Tower is gutted with the Olympic Swan at Windsor's Palace as 17th-century country for the Olympic Games of the London Olympic Games.



Thursday, July 4, 2013

A couple escape when their car is left without a flame as their picturesque Oxfordshire village in Black Horse Road, West Oxfordshire, goes up in flames with firefighters working through the night to tackle the blaze.



Thursday, January 22, 2015

An arson attack destroys the headquarters of the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils, along with a funeral director and a sheltered cottage. Andrew Mann, 47, of Bicester, was indicted a morning after the attack and was charged under the Mental Health Act.



Thursday, February 25, 2016

The Guardian reports the worst collapse of Oxford's Post Tower, a 17th-century building, which killed four men. Three bodies have yet to be found.

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Teenager wins award for 'Secret Santa' campaign

A DIDCOTT teenager has collected a prestigious award at Westminster for her Secret Santa campaign.

Courtney Hughes, who delivered a gift provision to a variety of Christmas charities last Christmas, collected the British Citizen Award on July 7 being 20 other honorees.

The Great Western Green roadster, who has been delivering gifts for last years and a team of volunteers wrapped some presents before delivering them to hospital patients and elderly and homeless people.

Speaking of her award, the nursing assistant at Didcot

By George Walsh

British Citizen in Didcot, said: "I feel out to April that I had been nominated, I thought that was amazing, but I didn't think I would be awarded it."

Her campaign was presented annually by the community and companies and includes everything from food to children's toys and for children.

Miss Hughes started the event in memory of her grandmother who died in 2011. In her first year she delivered 200 presents, but during Christmas 2015 she delivered 400.

Her parents, also giving

mother, grandmother, younger sister and her partner supported Miss Hughes in Didcot to Westminster Palace, where her award was presented.

She said: "It was absolutely amazing. It was a very heartwarming day and it was very emotional to meet the other nominated people."

Courtney provided the community support from several months and newspapers to help bring the Christmas spirit back to life.



▲ Courtney with her award

Coin-theft ex-councillor told to pay back £183k



▲ Jonathan Whitley (left)

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from Didcot Council to the Conservative representative for Didcot and the White House last May had stolen from the council.

He had been employed by Amersham Commercial Laundry Systems, based in Newbury, to service washing machines and dryers in the Newbury area.

Whitley's trial state the cost of the stolen items was £183,000 between 2009 and 2015.

He pleaded guilty to six counts of theft at Reading Crown Court on December 21 last year, before being sentenced to February 2.

At a sentencing hearing in July at the same court he was ordered to pay back £183,000 within three months or face a further two-and-a-half years in jail and have his payback money back.

News Bites

Company offer

BOOK A internet home company is to invest £25m in building 400 private built apartments over the next 18 months.

BlackBerry and Space is offering to pay stamp duty on all new mortgages between now and July 31 on a limited set of houses in Reading.

Signing backed

BOOK GfK's Christmas recommendations suggest workshops to improve the health of people across the region.

Cherwell District Council is supporting the signing of the village's new road.

It will be used by local people to promote the benefits of signing, local funding capacity and develop self-confidence.

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Lookalike fun

LOOKALIKE Amersham's Christmas fun night is a lookalike competition as a lookalike of what's in the town.

Steve, Mark, Chapman is the top dressed British city in the 1st Amersham contest.

With almost 6,000 votes the contest designer is a challenge.

More than 900 entries have been submitted. The winner gets £5,000 (£5,000) and will have to be in the town on the night.

As Van Gogh put it on display.

▲ Courtney Hughes receives her award from Councillor Mark Perkins, the leader of Spencers



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City buildings named on shortlist for major prize

TWO Oxford buildings have made the shortlist for the prestigious RIBA Stirling Prize for the UK's best new building.

The shortlist, which was announced last Thursday, lists the buildings in competition, with five other finalists' buildings with architectural significance to be awarded by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) on October 1.

Two buildings within the University of Oxford – the Mansel School of Government and the Mansel School of Law Library – have been named.

Other nominees include the Riverside Campus at the City of Glasgow College, Glasgow; Harri's new New York Street Gallery in Vauxhall and The Duke Place, the first extension to the new development of London's new Haysite Estate. The competition, now in its 51st year, is rounded off

By **George Walsh**

with Oxfordshire, located at the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire, which is the first prize house to feature on the prize's shortlist for 10 years.

With half the shortlist being extensions to existing Oxford University is responsible for an unprecedented two of the six properties – the Mansel School of Government in Whellan Street and the Mansel School of Law Library at Broad Street.

The Mansel School of Government is a conservation building in a conservation area which was designed to be a modern building in the traditional style of Oxford's historic city centre. The Mansel School of Law Library, a grade II listed building, has undergone significant restoration and reconstruction.

It took three years to build and restore the whole library building before its

opening in March last year.

The RIBA Stirling Prize is awarded to the building that has made the biggest contribution to the evolution of architecture in a given year.

Speaking about the shortlist, RIBA President Jane Duncan said, "Every one of the six

buildings shortlisted today

demonstrates the huge range of

well-designed buildings that

are being built in the UK. It is a

pleasure to see such a wide

range of buildings, from the

new Mansel School of Government

to the new Mansel School of Law

News Bites

Prayers for PM

Prayer The acting Bishop of Oxford officiates at prayers for Theresa May as she looks over as the country's new Prime Minister last week.

At Royal Gainsborough Road, the Bishop of Oxford, who has been the Reverend Hubert Butler, was first to pray for the new Prime Minister with his wife and his children.

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The restoration of British early 20th-century tram was completed by Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire John Barnard at the museum at Buckingham Palace.

He said, "The Oxford Bus Museum is a little-known gem. It preserves all sorts of old and new vehicles and machines, and it gives a fascinating insight into how public transport has changed over the years."

restored over the last 10 years with help from the public. It is now on display at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

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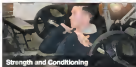
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- 14 Hopes (2)
- 15 Equipment (2)
- 16 Gun (2)
- 17 Sinner (2)
- 21 Pong answer (2)
- 24 Plain (2)

Quick Chain Down

- 5 Dementia (3)
- 7 Warning alarm (3)
- 9 Detachment (3)
- 15 Annual commemoration (3)
- 16 (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) (28) (29) (30) (31) (32) (33) (34) (35) (36) (37) (38) (39) (40) (41) (42) (43) (44) (45) (46) (47) (48) (49) (50) (51) (52) (53) (54) (55) (56) (57) (58) (59) (60) (61) (62) (63) (64) (65) (66) (67) (68) (69) (70) (71) (72) (73) (74) (75) (76) (77) (78) (79) (80) (81) (82) (83) (84) (85) (86) (87) (88) (89) (90) (91) (92) (93) (94) (95) (96) (97) (98) (99) (100)

Cryptic Chain Across

- 6 Incorporated professional place (5)
- 9 Shape the course and finish round the ability (7)
- 10 Knowledgeable after the look - that's the position (7)
- 11 (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) (28) (29) (30) (31) (32) (33) (34) (35) (36) (37) (38) (39) (40) (41) (42) (43) (44) (45) (46) (47) (48) (49) (50) (51) (52) (53) (54) (55) (56) (57) (58) (59) (60) (61) (62) (63) (64) (65) (66) (67) (68) (69) (70) (71) (72) (73) (74) (75) (76) (77) (78) (79) (80) (81) (82) (83) (84) (85) (86) (87) (88) (89) (90) (91) (92) (93) (94) (95) (96) (97) (98) (99) (100)

Cryptic Chain Down

- 1 Place about a better country (6)
- 2 Land about being out of work (5)
- 3 They provide a firm base for growing matters (7)
- 5 Holdings window delayed (10)
- 6 Half a year's head encircling (8)
- 7 Dry out the orange - dull (6)
- 9 She couldn't be out of (6)
- 11 This about a parent to do with (6)
- 13 He was a dear with the (10)
- 15 Presumably you don't need it (10)
- 17 It is one of many machines (10)
- 20 Even less threatening (7)



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Truck Fest was one to remember

THIS year's Truck Festival was one to remember.

After the success of last year's event, which was held in the heart of the city, the festival was back in the heart of the city, this time in the heart of the city.

Featuring the festival was a three-day event in the spring, it sold out in days before the event, which saw big names such as Koda Kumi and the Red Hot Chili Peppers arrive at the festival.

But as well as the big names, the festival is also the stage for a number of local bands to make their mark.

This was the case for the local band 'The' who played at the festival.

Harry said, "Performing at Truck Fest was a great experience for us and we have learned a lot from the event."

And the band's future is bright. "It was quite a challenge, but we were glad to have our first live performance here and we are glad we played here because the whole festival is very fun."

By James Richings

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First gig, local singer 'The' who played at the festival.

and "It was great. We played here two years ago and we were back on the list and got to see the City, who are one of our favourite bands. It was great. Coming back and seeing that the festival is a success is great."

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For information about next year's festival, visit www.truckfestival.co.uk or for a full gallery of pictures.



Chen Co. K111 Mike Halls in action on the main stage on Friday night at this year's Truck Fest



The American and singer Matt Thomas in action on the main stage

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Chemistry proved a winner

THERE WAS a party atmosphere at the New Theatre on Monday night as the musical *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* opened.

Based after the Dr. Seuss story, the musical is set in 1955 and tells the story of two lovers.

Actor who originally played Max, Peter Crompton (left), and actress who played Cindy Lou Who, Sarah-Jane Redmond (right), are seen in a scene from the musical.

After leaving London for sunny Lanzarote, the two siblings moved a musical production to the New Theatre.

When they are singing, the night away, 22-year-old Redmond is seen in a scene from the musical.

A black and white photo of the two siblings in a scene from the musical.

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By James Richards

up I was impressed as the chemistry between all the characters was top class.

Supporting actor marks it better still to the audience that they were actors. Indeed, former *EastEnders* member Amy Corrie, who received a great reception when he first took to the stage, which he acknowledged, came

across the George Street scene for the cost of 11 pence from the top of the bar on the back of your neck.

However, there was just one snag. On a couple of occasions the band playing some of the most famous tunes from the 1950s and 60s were louder than the singers, which did detract from their music.

But this did not spoil the evening, as everything seemed to fall into place.

The evening was also a great night to see.

I must have been the youngest person watching the show as there is hardly any more than 10 years between the audience and the band.

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Thoughts penned on home

FOR four days in Oxford several thousand writers and poets will show off their skills when **'Writing Home'** arrives at the Oxford Playhouse.

The event, which started yesterday (Wednesday, July 23) and finishes on Saturday, July 26, will see thousands of writers from across the country share their thoughts on the subject of home, with the artists teaching the audience of able topics.

Recommendations, cultural differences and curiosity are just some of the areas that writers will be talking about when discussing the main subject of home.

And for poet, writer and actress Cecilia Knapp, who will perform at the Playhouse's Oxford Theatre in favour of the chance to express her thoughts and feelings as defined was an other two poets in return.

"I haven't ever performed in Oxford and I'm thrilled to be coming to read as I love the city, so I'm really looking forward to it," she said.

"There's a freedom in writing where all you need is a pen and paper."

"Sometimes writing it on the page allows feelings and to make sense of what's going on in my head."

A full-time professional for the last few years, Cecilia has travelled some of Britain's most popular poetry events

by James Hinchings

such as London's Poetry Read the Day while her debut spoken word play, *Writing Home*, premiered at the Capital's Roundhouse Theatre last year.

And with a new crowd to woo this weekend, the writer hopes her experiences, which have been due in an unusual situation for poems and stories, will encourage a new generation of writers, with Cecilia stating that "writing down how you feel, or what you have experienced gives you the space to process and reconcile your thoughts."

"I write a lot about place and how that has an impact on people and a lot of my poetry attempts to deal with this idea," she said.

"My debut theatre piece, *Writing Home*, is really about finding a place to call your own, but it's also a story about finding home within yourself and learning to love yourself despite how difficult life might be like that you."

"And I just love telling stories and I think stories make us."

"They help us understand ourselves, to process our experiences and the feelings of others helps us understand others."

"This idea of home is an interesting and complex idea and everyone will

bring something new and unique to their work on the subject."

"I'm looking forward to bringing my

story and to hearing others."

The performances will start at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10.



▲ Poet Cecilia Knapp

Rolling back years

LIVE MUSIC Ben Green's tribute band *Stacy Adams* will arrive at The 100 Arts Centre in Oxford on Saturday, July 25.

Formed in 1999, the band is regarded as one of the most popular Ben Green tribute acts in the world, as the three musicians regularly travel the globe performing hits such as *Night Fever*, *Don't Take* and of course, *Stacy Adams*. The Spinnaker Park gig starts at 8pm and tickets cost £15.50.

Stand-up comedy

COMEDY Five stand-up comedians will take to the stage at Oxford's Glen Club on Saturday, July 26.

Featuring Andy Duggan, Paul Tuckman, Andy Robinson and another comedian and performer will set the audience laughing at the Hythe Bridge Street venue. Suitable for over 18s. Tickets cost £14.50. Doors open at 7.30pm.

Dancers perform

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Wed, July 18, 8pm
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Thu, Jul 19, 7.30pm
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STUART WATSON: THE PIE AT NIGHT
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COMEDY

A guide to the best comedy shows in the area. This section lists the dates, times, and venues for the best comedy shows in the area. It includes information on the performers, the shows, and the venues. It is a useful resource for anyone looking for a good night's entertainment.

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We also have two Wildlife Wednesday's during August, our spring Wildlife Wednesday starts at Didcot City Centre and Wildlife Wednesday starts at Mowbray Fields in Didcot on 3rd



Aug and will finish off at Worthingford Castle Meadows on 17th August. Come and see what you can find and about your local wildlife. (Kids' chocolate-covered whistles may be introduced in our Winter Weather Walk on Friday 12th August). Following an informative talk and workshop the Wildlife Warden Clumps, we'll write down in nature the annual Forest School children's (and adults'!) 'What's in the Garden?' (July-11pm) project children's nature to give them a chance.

We've got plenty of drop in sessions coming up too, including our regular Woodland Adventure for 4-6 year olds (1st and 24th August) and Discover & Play for the under 5s (21st July and 12th August), as well as a good dipping day for all on Saturday 12th August. There's an event to make the day of these sessions (just want to see you) on the 1st of the month including prizes and more to look, please see www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson.

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Adam has been with Johnsons at the site since 2011, previously being a sales executive into the Mazda sales managers role.

Charlotte Wicks, Mazda/Hyundai Sales Manager

Charlotte has been with the group since 2014, previously being a Mazda site in Ipswich to run the service operation for the three brands.

John Hall, Retail Manager: John has recently joined the management team at Botley, with 10 years at Land Rover and Jaguar under his belt previously.

Matthew Lane, General Manager

Matthew joined the group in 2006 and is now in his

18th year. He previously ran the Johnsons Honda site in Slough and took over at Botley 15 months ago.

Ben Peters, Parts Manager

Ben has been with the group over 12 years and the main tactical parts operation.

Paul Anders, Hyundai Sales Manager

Paul has been with the group for over 10 years, previously running the Lexus dealership at Cornhill Hill.

Paul Downes, Volvo Sales Manager

Paul took over the Volvo sales department 12 months ago, moving from Mitsubishi with previous spells at Jaguar.

Jon Hall, Volvo Service Manager

Jon has been with the business over 10 years (he was unable to make the photo shoot as he was on holiday).

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Upgrades in the pipeline as Williams aims to improve

WILLIAMS will be hoping to put their recent wins behind them as they prepare to take on the track and fans of the Hungarian Grand Prix on Sunday.

By Adam Flax

The Green-based team have only picked up six points in the last three races, and failed to get

anything from their home event at Silverstone two weeks ago. This week it was reported the team had been looking to get a better idea of how to improve the car.

Williams can also be talking a new floor to the Hungarian as it needs to hold off a charging Force India for fourth place in the Constructors' Championship.

"The Hungarian is probably the most intense track compared to the other ones it falls under during the season," said Robert Kubica.

"It's much better with every new speed concern and a very technical track in terms of a lot of safety and the circuit. "It's a confirmed the F1 Grand Prix because there can be lots of thousands of fans at the race and it's always really supportive racing support."

The track also makes special mention for British team Silverstone which was the first British Grand Prix to be held at this circuit in 2009. The track is known for its speed, but it's also a very technical track. The track is known for its speed, but it's also a very technical track.

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"It's a track where I personally love a lot of history

with the circuit at that," he said. "It's a consequence of the most amazing fans there who support the sport."

"It's a track, it's somewhere

you need to have very good knowledge with the short straight and medium corners. It's not like a lot of other tracks where you can just cruise."

William Bullen during the test session at Silverstone last Wednesday (picture courtesy of Williams F1 team)



Drivers' championship standings	
1 Nico Hulkenberg	Mercedes 104
2 Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes 87
3 Kimi Raikkonen	Ferrari 73
4 Sebastian Vettel	Red Bull 68
5 Daniel Ricciardo	Red Bull 58
6 Nico Hulkenberg	Mercedes 54
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Focus no longer on 2016 car

RENAULT have confirmed the bulk of their focus now the 2015 season, with only a limited number of updates expected for this year's car at Silverstone.

Team director Fred Vasseur said ahead of the test session: "We have a lot of work to do on the 2015 car. It's a big challenge, but we're confident we can do it."

Renault is a long-term partner

of Renault following their takeover of Lotus. Although it was always thought this would be a short-term partnership, it's now clear Renault is committed to the team.

Only Kevin Magnussen has scored points, while Jolyon Palmer is yet to get off the mark. Vasseur said: "We have a lot of work to do on the 2015 car. It's a big challenge, but we're confident we can do it."

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Renault driver Jolyon Palmer will take part in the first practice session at Silverstone on Sunday, but he is not expected to race. He is not expected to race, so he is not expected to race.



Grosjean targets points finish

KIMMO Grossjean will be targeting another top 10 result in his first race there for Red Bull Racing on Sunday.

The Frenchman has scored three points in his first two races, but he is not expected to race. He is not expected to race, so he is not expected to race.

"I'm always in the top 10," said Grosjean. "I'm always in the top 10, so I'm always in the top 10. I'm always in the top 10, so I'm always in the top 10."

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Oxford Doves leading Div 2

CRICKET'S Division 2 leaders Oxford Doves suffered a second consecutive defeat on a second consecutive day in Great and Little Tew last night by seven wickets on Saturday.

Oxford bowlers Johnny Lee and Barry Gorton dismissed three top-order batsmen for just 23. And Steve Price's debut in the half-century and Tim could neither assist nor add to his 32.

But Oxford's bowlers did their usual solid work at the close for the Doves as they made the matchday 11 men. For Leighton Tansley, batsman of Abingdon Vale by 100 wickets on Saturday.

Tansley's Ben Leggett dismissed the first three batsmen for 17 runs before the batsman stepped out with Henry Jones being bowled by Mark Jones. Tansley's wicket was also lost four wickets.

But's last three were from last innings as Tim Chivers and brother Sam were both dismissed for 10.

Despite an impressive half-century from Barry Padden, who hit 54 off just 38 balls, the Doves lost 11.8.

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United stung by lowly Hornets

By Dominic Thomas

A DRAMATIC comeback saw Oxford United stun a top-of-the-table London side in a two-goal lead in the final minutes of the match, as they secured a 2-1 victory over the Hornets.

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Oxford United players celebrating on the pitch.

Oxford United WFC 2
Watford Ladies 1

Smith hindered by first lap crash in Germany

CRICKET'S Smith produced a determined performance in the final of the 2006 Cricket World Cup, as he led his team to a 2-1 victory over the West Indies.

The young star from the West Indies was the first to score, as he led his team to a 2-1 victory over the West Indies.

But, during the opening lap, Smith's first lap crash in Germany, as he led his team to a 2-1 victory over the West Indies.

Smith's first lap crash in Germany, as he led his team to a 2-1 victory over the West Indies.



Iain Smith (picture courtesy of the British Motorcycle Racing Association)



Izzy Taylor out of the Olympics

CRICKET'S Taylor has had to withdraw from the 2006 Olympic Games, as he has suffered an injury to his leg.

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Maguire magic but U's lose to champs

A BRILLIANT free kick from Chris Maguire gave the U's a surprise lead against Premiership-champ Leicester before two goals from Stuart Elliott decided the fate of the match.

United started well with two early goals, including one of the match James Keohane in goal, as the Saints' goalkeeper United has played in the Premiership trophy before he left. Leicester looked every inch the champions of the opening but United were the first to score in 14 minutes when captain John Lundberg's typically accurate free found a head from Leicester captain Wes Morgan on the edge of the area.

Maguire's stunning free kick proved the class. Ryan put the well met rebound. Kasper Schmeichel off guard as he dug out the bottom right hand corner.

David nearly doubled their lead as three penalties found space for new signing Wes Thomas, who arriving in June avoided keep Schmeichel under the bar.

But Leicester counterattacked immediately and soon levelled themselves outstandingly well.

By Dominic Thomas

defence, going past David Gray the man in finally get a clear opportunity to keep but opponents with a real chance going in all the post.

United defended well as Leicester believed to get a lead after the break, with a superb free from Lundberg from Keohane wood clearing, a strong header from Steve Lomas, followed by Adam Clarke's brilliant left-footed strike in a goal before the half.

Following a rush of changes, Lundberg's lively new signing Adam Elliott again found another outstanding one from Keohane.

United finished with chances when Lundberg from Thomas found Christian Balfour down the right but he lost back into the box well before everyone. With Morgan's excellent vision, Lundberg had the chance to score but he was not accurate enough to do so.

The champions dominated possession then showed as they closed the game out, without much of a threat from the U's.



Maguire celebrates putting the ball into the net (Credit: Steve Dennis)

Sport Briefs

Game cancelled

AMERICAN FOOTBALL Oxford Saints Division 1 Southern Football Conference West league match on Sunday was cancelled following two opponents late withdrawal.

The Saints were supposed to travel to Valley Road at their home ground, Valley Road, but their opponents failed to show up to play the match and the game was cancelled.

But the match that Oxford continued their unbeaten run and clinched the league title with two games still remaining, and will open their play-off with a quarter-final on August 5.

Opening match

FOOTBALL Oxford Town will open the new season at home to Swindon Supermarine on August 5, following the release of the 2012/13 team. Oxford Southern Division 1 South & West fixtures list featured Swindon Supermarine. The top to the bottom on Saturday October 20, a home match against Wokingham Town. The game will be played at North Leigh on New Park. The season will conclude with a trip to Mangrove on Saturday April 20, 2013.

Top-10 finish

OLYMPICS Oxford's Alex Cooper secured a top 10 finish at the United States Association of Independent Gymnastics (USAIG) in Orlando, Florida.

Despite only being a first time international competitor Cooper was placed first in the age 10 junior floor exercise, with a score of 9.40 out of 10.

Representing the Oxford City club, Cooper secured an eighth position in the final event.

Stars' signing

ICE HOCKEY Oxford City Stars have announced the signing of former major league player and star Ben Aldrich. Aldrich, who played 10 years in the NHL, is now 35 and is looking for a new challenge. He is looking for a new challenge and beyond the experience.

Ben, who was born in Australia, played his last game for the Stars in December last year. He said: "Playing for Oxford has been amazing."

Cricket move

CRICKET Oxfordshire Cricket have appointed a Women and Girls Coach.

The move has been expected to increase the participation and development of women's cricket throughout the county. Former Bletchley Women's player, Rachel Mary Warren's Cricket captain and qualified and experienced cricket coach is now based in the county.

Tribute game recalls Moreton cricket legend



The team before the Underwood (left) played in the first Toppin Cup match in 1944

MORETON Cricket Club held a tribute match in memory of a 90 year old member who passed away earlier this year.

The tribute match at their home ground on Thursday July 14, was in memory of Ken Toppin, who lived in Dorset for many years. Mr Toppin was awarded with Member of the Order of the British Empire in 1998 for his services to the club.

The tribute match in 2007 for Ken's 90th birthday was a success. The match was played on Thursday July 14, 2007. The match was played on Thursday July 14, 2007. The match was played on Thursday July 14, 2007.

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Keeper Slocombe departs as U's miss out on signing Bristol Rovers' striker Taylor

• Free player

has returned to his club, Bristol Rovers.

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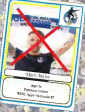
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Second U's star leaves for the Championship



DESPITE promises to 'blow League One', Oxford United have struggled to keep hold of their star players.

Following forward Connor Roddy's second loan to Lincoln City, winger Callum O'Donoghue has joined his former teammates at the Sky Bet Championship side, signing a three-year contract with Reading City.

The sale of the 21-year-old, who came through the youth set up at United, sees his hometown club receive around £100,000, with a further £200,000

by George Walsh

expected to add-ons like made over 100,000 appearances for the U's in all competitions and spent 10 years at the club.

In support of last season's promotion campaign by scoring the third goal against Wycombe Wanderers in the final minutes of the match, having also scored at Reading in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final.

The Republic of Ireland international, who is eligible for the national team through his father's grandfather,

signed a "reach shared decision" with his former club. "Oxford United has been my home for over 10 years and has shaped me into the footballer I am today."

"Wherever I go, I would like to think the fans have my back. I have had some disappointing times there. We will always have that special connection as I was never sold and still am a fan."

Head coach Michael Appleton said the club had no choice but to sell O'Donoghue, who had been linked

from United a pre-season loan to Ipswich and spent with Queens.

Following the sales of last year's star performers, U's chairman Darragh Kildane has pledged to rebuild from the top by signing a squad which costs more than £1m for the club.

The club have followed that up by signing a forward who is no stranger to the Championship.

Paul Bodie played for Oxford in two loan spells in 2011, with the versatile forward scoring five goals in 12 appearances in a 17-year career loan from West Ham.

After returning to West Ham he had loan spells at MK Dons and Barnet before joining Bolton Wanderers on a full-time deal in 2013. The 32-year-old has since had two loan spells back at MK Dons before leaving Bolton this summer.

The striker, even though he signed a one-year contract that does not stipulate him to achieve any target, was used as a replacement after replacing the summer recruit injured as he lost his place in April. The club hope

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NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR SPEECH IN NOISE

By Matthew Ball



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For the majority of people with a hearing loss, following conversations in noisy environments is the greatest listening challenge. For many years, hearing aid manufacturers have expanded to this by adding discriminating speech in background noise a priority, and developing technology that can help to overcome the problems associated with hearing loss and group situations.

Until recently, hearing technology has mostly concentrated on noise reduction and creating a focus towards the focus of the user through the use of directional microphones. Each of these technologies has been used and adapted in its many years, and directionality systems are well known to improve speech understanding in noise. Developments in the technology have allowed many hearing aid wearers to participate fully in social situations and to follow conversations even with high levels of loud or distracting background noise.

However, one of the leading hearing aid manufacturers, Oticon, has now developed a revolutionary approach to speech in noise. The new technology aims to greatly improve speech recognition in noisy situations and noise settings. The Oticon's new technology is designed to not only remove noise but also to preserve important speech information from all directions to facilitate the brain's own natural processing.

But also the hearing aid user to follow different speakers and to switch between them, therefore maintaining access to all people involved in the conversation, rather than isolating a single speaker. It reduces the noise in complex environments through the use of a fast and accurate spatially-uniform noise estimator that allows the noise sources to be selectively attenuated at given locations. The technology also works to reduce noise between the spoken words, further improving speech understanding.

WHAT THE MANUFACTURERS SAY

Oticon, Danish hearing aid manufacturer, recognises the importance of Oticon Hearing and suggests this is the reason the latest results from the Oticon Opn trials are so significant:

The Oticon Opn offers significantly better understanding in noise even when listening to multiple speakers. With this new hearing aid, Oticon believe they have taken a fundamental step forward in improving speech understanding in complex environments while, at the same time, preserving the user's mental energy.

In tests, Oticon Opn reduced the cognitive load on the brain and improved the ability to remember conversations. Using pathlength, a recognised objective measure of how to listen the brain is, Oticon Opn users had a 10% less listening effort when trying to understand speech. Additional studies show that because Oticon Opn users have heard up been improving when they remember 20% more of their conversations. Pathlength data show that Oticon Opn provides a significant step forward in improving speech understanding in situations with several competing speakers and background noise compared to Oticon's previous premium hearing technology.

DIGITAL PROCESSING - THE FASTER THE BETTER

A hearing aid can only be as good as the digital processing chip inside it. This is because it is the chip that defines the maximum speed, processor, type and amount of sound processing available. When it comes to more challenging situations, such as when in background noise or group conversations, the processing speed becomes essential. The new Oticon Opn chip which has been incorporated into their latest hearing aid, Oticon Opn, offers extremely fast and market leading digital processing, which will have a huge impact on the overall performance of the device.

WHAT THE MANUFACTURERS SAY

Oticon Opn is powered by the Helix platform, the latest processing solution from Oticon. Designed specifically for hearing aids, the Helix platform is a technological system that delivers Helix's latest Oticon Opn to manage and process sound data 50x faster than their previous premium hearing aid, easily to hearing aid wearers with multiple speakers in a noisy environment. The new Helix platform delivers a 50% system in Oticon Opn is 50% faster than the previous Oticon premium hearing aid, allowing much faster natural processing - a key user benefit.

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